areas *ot* Uruguay Round negotiations and liberalisation efforts by all participants including developing countries.

Cleaning of Narmada water in Madhya Pradesh

3122. SHRI. SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to ttate.

(a) whether it *is* a fact that industrial and human wastes have polluted Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh to a maximum extent as compared to other small places thereby making the Narmada water unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any step to check the pollution of Narmada water;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to formulate "Narmada ter to cl(Action Plan" in order to clean Narmada river water on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Narmada water at Jabalpur and Hoshangabad is polluted mainly due to discharge of municipal sewage which is not that high from other small places. However, it. cannot be said that the water is unfit for human consumption.

(c) to (e) An Action Plan for prevention of pollution and cleaning of the Narmada is under implementation by the State Government of . Madhya Pradesh. Out of the fifty-three schemes, 19 have been completed, 30 are in progress and 4 are under preparation. A sum of Rs. 178.50 lakhs has been spent till the end of May, 1989 on the following major areas of schemes:—

(i) Diversion and utilisation of municipal wastes.

(ii) Construction of crematoria.

(iii) Construction of low cost sanitation works.

(iv) River front development to prevent soil erosion.

(v) Construction and development of Ghats.

In addition, the Madhya Pradesh Pradushan' Niwaran Mandal has directed the concerned industries for taking suitable measures in controlling industrial polluti on.

Smuggling of synthetic yarn photographic equipment and films etc., into India from Nepal

3123. SHRI MULIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to stats:

(a) whether Government had protested *to* Nepal on or about 17th May, 1989 about huge import of certain Items like, syinthaitic yarn photographic equipme'nts and films cloues, cardamom and liquor from third world countnes, which were smuggled into India; and

(b) if so, what was the response and reaction of Nepal Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir..

(b) Does not arise. •

Increase in the price of essential commodities

@3123-A. DR. BApu KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted increase in the pri-

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